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Application Number	09/675,220
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First Named Inventor	Minoru Nakano
Art Unit	2825
Examiner Name	Caridad M. Everhart
Attorney Docket Number	3094/FLK (032878-87728)

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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Ext. of Time _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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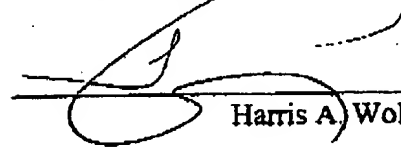
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In connection with the RCE filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

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